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# DAD TELLS OF AFGHAN JAIL 'LIVING HELL'

A DECORATED former Army Major has described the "living hell" he endured in an Afghan prison after being wrongly convicted of bribing an official.

Bill Shaw, 52, whose daughter lives in Dover, was facing two years in Kabul's notorious Pul-e-Charkhi jail alongside terrorists, murderers and suspected Taliban members after a trial earlier this year.

He spent time in three prisons and was being kept in solitary confinement after facing death threats as

■ BY NICK AMES

well as rumours of a £7,000 bounty on his head.

In October last year, the grandfather – who has been awarded the MBE for his military service – paid what he thought was a legal £20,000 fee to Afghanistan officials for the release of two armoured vehicles from a police compound after they were impounded for licence irregularities.

But Mr Shaw, who works for a private security firm, was refused a receipt and was later arrested, despite alerting his bosses and the authorities

to the scam. He always maintained he thought the fine was legitimate.

When the case was heard the following month, the prosecution offered no evidence and there were no witnesses, his family said.

Mr Shaw wept with joy after he was acquitted, following a two-day appeal in which judges, witnesses, clerks and relatives had to shout to be heard.

Colleagues from private firm G4S, which guards the British embassy in Kabul and provides security for foreigners in Afghanistan, cheered as the three judges' verdicts were read out.

Mr Shaw, who appeared in court

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Daughter Lisa Luckyn-Malone, of Dover, can finally celebrate after her father Bill Shaw's conviction for bribing an official in Afghanistan was overturned on appeal. He hopes to be home within the week.



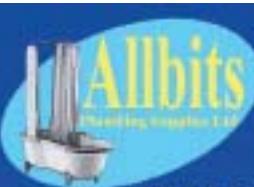
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# Mayor joins call to improve rail station access

■ BY NICK AMES

THE problems encountered by disabled passengers wanting to use the platforms at Deal train station have been highlighted in a campaign by the Trains4Deal transport action group.

The group says that limited access on the London Road side of the station is putting people off using the trains.

Campaigners have won the support of Deal mayor Ben Bano, who says access for elderly and disabled passengers could be made much easier if a currently-locked gate on London Road was opened to allow taxis and other vehicles to drop people off close to the required platform.

He condemned the present route to and from the platform as a real problem for the infirm and people with prams.

Cllr Bano said it was unacceptable and could easily be solved by opening the access gate.

The gate has been closed for a considerable time and cars or taxis picking up passengers can cause a hazard for pedestrians as well as obstructing London Road by stopping to pick up passengers, especially if services are delayed.

Cllr Bano said: "There is no current or planned lift at Deal station. Access to the down platform for elderly and disabled passengers could be made so much easier if cars and taxis were able to get near the platform.

"At present those in wheelchairs or passengers with prams have to negotiate their way out of the station through London Road into



BACKING CAMPAIGN: Mayor Ben Bano

Queen Street. This is unacceptable when there is such a simple and immediate solution."

Joining the mayor's protest, local artist Valerie Tarbuck, who lives in Upper Deal, said: "I had to get rid of my car a year ago. I'd like to travel to London to visit galleries, Covent Garden and Theatrelane. If the gate opens, there's a Deal taxi that takes mobility scooters."

Trains4Deal campaigner Ian Killberry said: "Rail travel in a town like Deal should be accessible to everyone. Getting high-speed trains to stop is vital for the local economy, but we also need convenient trains to Charing Cross."

"This railway-owned site is ideal to provide the extra properly-controlled parking we'll need, as well as a safe pick-up point and safer routes to the station for cyclists and pedestrians."

His colleague, Tom Rowland, said: "We need evidence of strong local support to convince Southeastern and Network Rail that people want this facility back."

## Appeal after flat raid

POLICE investigating a theft at about 6pm on Sunday, May 30, have released an e-fit of a man they would like to trace.

It follows an incident at an address in Folkestone Road, Dover, after an offender entered a flat uninvited.

He was with two other men and a woman who had knocked on the door asking for a drink.

When they had gone, the resident noticed that money had been stolen.

The group is believed to be from the Czech Republic.

The man in the e-fit has short dreadlocks and was of medium build and about 6ft tall. He was wearing black shorts and a black T-shirt.

Anyone who recognises the man in the e-fit is asked to call Det Con Darren Brough on 01233 896283.

Alternatively, anyone with infor-



RECOGNISE HIM? E-fit of the man sought

mation but who wishes to remain anonymous should phone Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Child-porn suspects are linked to school

TWO men with links to the Duke of York's Royal Military School in Dover have been investigated for alleged child-pornography offences.

The partner of a staff member at the school for children with parents in the military has been arrested for allegedly publishing indecent images, the Ministry of Defence said.

Also, a gap-year teaching student has been cautioned by police for allegedly viewing and storing indecent images.

The Sun newspaper reported that none of the images related to children at the school.

The MoD said: "The spouse of a member of staff has been arrested in relation to an allegation of publishing indecent photographs."

"As a safeguarding measure, that individual will not be allowed access to the school while the police investigation is ongoing."

"In a separate incident, a gap-year teaching student has been cautioned by police for viewing and storing indecent images. The individual is no longer on site or on the staff."

## Old bangers set out on a three-city trail

DEAL charity the Martha Trust is calling on motoring fans to join its Trail Of Three Cities 1,000-mile car rally.

The challenge, starting on Saturday, September 25, will see teams in vehicles worth no more than £100 try to drive to Frankfurt, Geneva then Paris and back to Dover.

Each team has a fund-raising target of £1,500 and vehicles must be taxed, insured and have valid MOTs.

Ferry crossings, three-night accommodation and breakdown assistance are all provided, and proceeds will go to the trust, which cares for people with profound physical and multiple learning disabilities.

Anyone wishing to get involved in the event can phone 01304 610447.

## Cancer kit aimed at Sixties generation

A CAMPAIGN to encourage over-60s to have bowel-screening has been launched by NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, featuring a line made famous by rockers The Who.

The campaign targets people who were adolescents in the 1960s who are now the right age to receive free home-screening kits to detect the early signs of bowel cancer.

The ad depicts an ageing mod, with the line "Still want to die before you get old? Didn't think so".

Everyone aged 60 to 69 is being sent a home-screening kit over the next two years.

## Quartet to perform in castle's gardens

WALMER Castle gardens will host a twilight concert featuring Kent's own Belles String Quartet.

The ladies will be performing popular pieces from Bach to The Beatles and from Chopin to The Carpenters.

Gates open at 6.30pm on Friday, July 16, and performances run from 7pm to 9pm. Tickets cost £5 each. Pre-booking is essential, say organisers. Phone 0870 333 1183.

The ornate gardens are some of the best maintained of any castle in the South East.

# Star recruits locals for war film scenes



■ BY NICK AMES

MOVIE action-man Sean Bean recruited villagers in St Margaret's to play the roles of crack commandos for his new film.

The Lord Of The Rings star was in the village filming Second World War drama Age Of Heroes when the call came out for volunteers.

The surprised villagers first found themselves rubbing shoulders with the Hollywood star after he dropped in to a local bar.

Bean, co-star Danny Dyer and the film crew spent time with delighted locals in The Bay Restaurant And Bar at The White Cliffs Hotel in St Margaret's-at-Cliffe, where they were staying for the duration of the filming.

Hotel staff were recruited as extras, along with players from Wallett's Court Football Club. They played the part of Special Forces operatives and were kitted out in full period costumes before shooting scenes at nearby Connaught Barracks in Dover.

Gavin Oakley, who owns The White Cliffs, said: "Staff and guests gave Sean, Danny and the team a very warm welcome. They were a great bunch and seemed to enjoy themselves."



**ACTION-MAN:** Sean Bean, left, stars in Age Of Heroes, above. It is based on the story of 30 Commando Unit, whose founders included James Bond author Ian Fleming

Age Of Heroes, the first of a trilogy of war movies, tells the true story of the formation of 30 Commando Unit. The film is due for release on Friday, October 1, and two sequels are planned – Age Of Honour and Age Of Glory.

The film also stars Clash Of The Titans actress Izabella Miko and Rosie Fellner as Bean's wife.

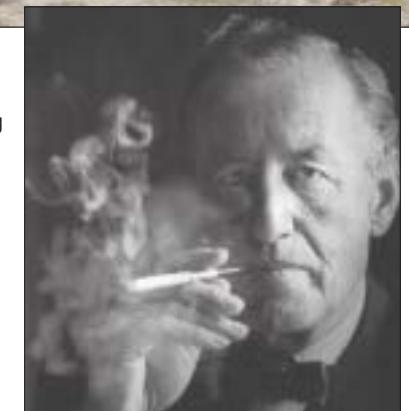
In another local connection, one of the founders of the unit was Ian Fleming – creator of James Bond – who lived in St Margaret's. He is played by James D'Arcy.

The commandos were once nicknamed Ian Fleming's Red Indians because of their daring and reputation for stealth and secrecy.

Their history dates from September 1942, when the director of naval intelligence authorised the formation of the Special Intelligence Unit. This was later renamed 30 RN Commando (Special Engineering Unit).

Troops moved ahead of advancing Allied forces or infiltrated enemy territory by land, sea or air, to capture intelligence.

They often worked with the Intelligence



Corps' field-security sections. The unit was initially deployed during the Dieppe Raid in August 1942 and then took part in the Operation Torch landings in November 1942.

The unit went on to serve in the Greek islands, Norway, Pantelleria, Sicily, Italy and Corsica between 1942 and 1943.

In June 1944 they took part in the Normandy landings and continued fighting through France and Germany until the end of the war.

## Freedom from Afghan prison

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with a black eye, said he was looking forward to seeing his family

Afterwards, with hands and feet chained and wearing a striped prison uniform, he burst into tears after his lawyer translated what had been said.

The father-of-three – who was with the Royal Military Police for 28 years until 2004, when he joined G4S – said: "It's been a living hell. I just can't wait to get these chains off."

He said he was now looking forward to seeing his grandchildren, eating a steak and drinking a glass of Rioja, his favourite wine.

Mr Shaw, who hopes to be released within a week, was passed a mobile phone to speak to his wife, Liz, also 52, for a few seconds.

Mr Shaw's daughter, Lisa Luckyn-Malone, said the family was "over the moon" and her father deserved to be released.

She said: "He called from the court-room, choking back emotion, and said 'I'm coming home, I'm free, it's brilliant'.

"We've been sure of Dad's innocence all along and we are grateful to the appeal court for its decision."

She said that her father had lost a lot of weight and was physically and mentally drained, but the news would have "picked him up 100 per cent".

## 'Wrong time to close home for the elderly'

THE Mayor of Deal, Ben Bano, is calling on Kent County Council to keep open old people's home Sampson Court in Mongeham.

The site is threatened by cost-cutting proposals that could see its 34 residents – who are from Dover, Deal, Sandwich and surrounding villages – moved elsewhere.

But opposition to the plans has come from many locals, as well as the families of those who are living there.

Clr Bano said: "Sampson Court has been a part of our community for many years. It provides excellent care by a dedicated staff group for people who are elderly and frail.

"As older people live longer and need more specialist care, this is the wrong time to think of closing this important facility.

"The upheaval caused by the closure of the home to the residents involved as well as to the families and relatives is a significant factor which has to be considered.

"I hope that Kent County Council will reconsider this proposal for the sake of the residents and their families, as well as the staff at the home."

The move is part of proposals by KCC social services to close a number of its care homes.

Although social services says there will be wide public consultation before any final decision, supporters of the care home fear that a squeeze on budgets could be considered more important.

Local county councillor Julie Rook is also against any closure and is encouraging anyone concerned to make their views known to KCC and let her have a copy as well.

Sampson Court provides accommodation and personal care for 34 older people, including 17 people with mental-health problems.

Accommodation at the single-storey property is divided into two self-contained wings or units.

One of these is called Poppy And Sunflower. The other one accommodates the people with special needs and is called Bramble And Bluebell.

It has been praised for the way residents are looked after and the facilities that are offered to them.

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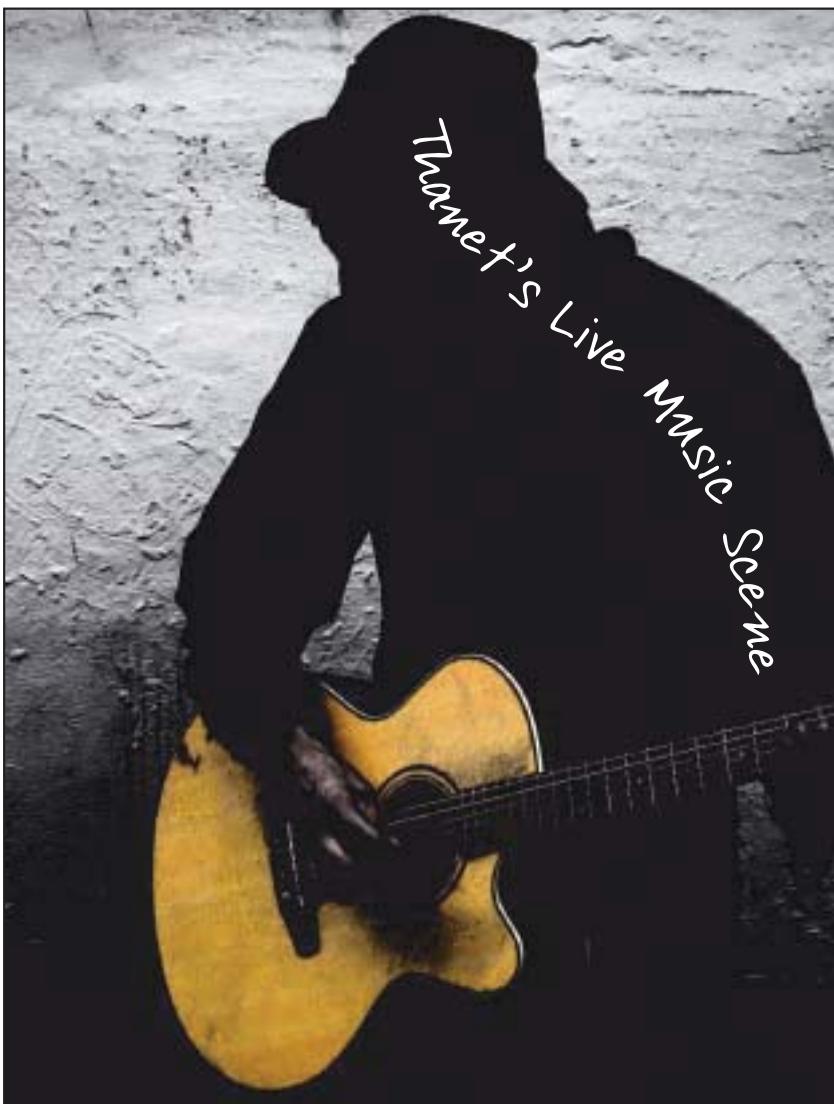
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**PEACEKEEPERS:** The Gurkhas' patrols around the village of Piand Kalay have restored the villagers' confidence

# Gurkha patrols bring villagers back to homes

FOLKESTONE'S Gurkhas are bringing hope to an area of Afghanistan where villagers had earlier been forced to flee brutal Taliban violence.

A month ago, following a vicious insurgent campaign of intimidation that included abduction, beatings and murder, many of the villagers in Piand Kalay had fled.

Improvised explosive devices restricted movement and insurgents held compounds and regularly engaged British and Afghan army patrols.

Situated in Southern Nahr-e-Seraj in Helmand Province, Piand Kalay is on the route that links the provincial capital at Lashkar Gah to the economic hub at Geresh and represents a key prize in the struggle for influence in the operational area of C Company, 1st Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles.

In just a few weeks the Gurkhas, through partnership with the Afghan National Army,

■ BY NICK AMES

have taken part in joint patrolling and setting up checkpoints in and around the village.

This has seen a remarkable change as local people become more confident and have returned to their village.

Charlie Russell is a 2nd Lieutenant and Eight Platoon Commander and has been patrolling the area regularly since April. He said the situation was improving.

He said: "Four weeks ago when I used to patrol through the village on a daily basis I'd be lucky if I spoke to three or four people.

"It was an empty village – the locals were intimidated, they were scared to come to talk to us because they'd be seen interacting with ISAF and ANA.

"Now, when we walk through the village from checkpoint to checkpoint and push out into the Green Zone, they welcome us – they want to speak to us."

## Refugee aid group forced to close

AN AWARD-winning group that has worked closely with asylum-seekers in Folkestone and Dover has closed down.

Refugee And Migrant Justice said it was saddened to announced that a last-minute rescue plan to save the organisation had not succeeded.

Refugee And Migrant Justice, formerly the Refugee Legal Centre, was the largest specialist provider of legal representation to asylum-seekers and migrants.

RMJ was awarded the Liberty-Justice Human Rights Award in 2005, in particular for its litigation work with Zimbabwean asylum-seekers.

But the group ran into difficulties when it came to funding, blaming late payment of legal aid by the Legal Services Commission – its main funder.

After launching an emergency appeal for funds, £76,525 was pledged within a 24-hour period and a number of charitable trusts and organisations offered sig-



nificant support. However, talks with the Legal Services Commission about trying to rectify the situation were unsuccessful and despite a show of union support the group has closed its operations.

The administrators BDO are now in the process of winding down the organisation.

People who pledged money to RMJ are being informed and their money will be returned.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Book ferry on your iPhone

TRAVEL company a.ferry has launched a free iPhone application that allows users to search for a list of the next available ferries from all operators at their chosen port between the UK and France.

The groups say this will help travellers who want to find the next crossing without having to ring each individual ferry company or spend time visiting each desk at the port, saving both time and money.

Kirsty Laifa, spokeswoman, said: "We are really excited by this new development and happy to again be leading the ferry market into the 21st century.

"This new find-a-ferry tool is useful for both leisure and business travellers and could prove an invaluable asset for all iPhone users. In these fast-moving times it's imperative that the ferry industry is at the front of developments providing information and services in a way that users want."

### Bowled over by royal date

THE Queen has sent her good wishes to Dover Ladies Bowls Club, who were invited to play bowls against the ladies of the Royal Household Bowls Club in a match at Windsor.

The game resulted in a narrow victory for Dover by 59 shots to 58.

President Daphne Gretton said: "We were given a very warm welcome by the Royal Household ladies.

"We have invited them to come to Dover next year, when we can return their hospitality."

### Surfers' Channel record

A GROUP of surfers have become the first relay team to cross the English Channel on stand-up paddleboards.

The four-strong team from clean-water campaigners Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) set off from Dover and crossed the Channel in five hours, 38 minutes and 30 seconds. They hope to raise £10,000.

A spokesman said: "We saw dolphins and an inquisitive seal during the challenge, which was incredible."

"The weather wasn't quite perfect as we had a head-on breeze and at one point visibility was down to 500ft, but we did it."

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SETTING SAIL: Army ship departs Sandwich

## Garth says thank you and farewell

SAILORS who have restored a vintage patrol boat have issued a thank-you to the residents of Sandwich after a six-week stay in the town.

The vessel Garth, which dates from the end of the Second World War, has now set off for its permanent berth at Canvey Island.

John Cook, who helped restore the Royal Army Service Corps ship, said: "During our stay we have made many friends, been invited for food by the chairman of the Sandwich Society, the Men Of Kent Society and local residents.

"We met the outgoing mayor and had a visit on board from the incoming mayor, who confirmed an invitation for August Bank Holiday week.

"During the six weeks we have been visited by thousands of holidaymakers and local residents, with at least 400 children coming on board to have mum and dad take photos of them. Of course our pair of Lewis machine-guns on the wheel-house top are a draw to every male child who passes."

Now the crew has four weeks to prepare for a visit to Henley – much work will need to be done to the boat in that time, according to the restorers.

Around the middle of July, RASC 34 Garth will proceed to Teddington Lock on its way to the famous Henley Regatta.

# Blimp is ready to cross the Channel



PIONEER: The French-designed solar-powered airship will finally make its first flight across the Channel from Calais

■ BY NICK AMES

CARBON-NEUTRAL air-travel could become a reality in the next few weeks thanks to a pioneering French project.

A year behind schedule, a team of engineering students is finally preparing for a crossing of the English Channel with a solar-powered manned airship they have developed.

They had aimed to accomplish the feat last summer, but the project ran into financial problems. Now, with the ship complete, the group says it is ready for the hour-long journey from Calais to Dover.

The airship, Nephelios, is powered by an array of flexible solar panels lining the top of the helium-filled envelope. The panels have a peak power output of 2.4 kilowatts that drives an electric motor powering two propellers.

It is 72 feet long and 18 feet wide and carries a single passenger at a cruising speed of about 25 miles per hour.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

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## Q & A

The Creative Quarter oil-painter and amateur scientist spoke to **James Alexandre** about the upcoming sandcastle competition in aid of The Church Street Project and cycling from Folkestone to John O'Groats

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#### Q Tell us something about yourself

**A**I'm a professional artist and have run a gallery in The Old High Street, Folkestone, for five years. I paint with oils and a palette knife, mainly focusing on scenes from the local area.

#### Q What first interested you in art?

**A**I suppose art is about making things. When I was a kid I was always making things. As I grew older I grew fonder of painting as there are so many techniques to explore and ways to express yourself.

#### Q What is your connection to Folkestone?

**A**I was born in Hythe and grew up in Folkestone. I lived away for many years, at university then in Toulouse and Berlin for several years, but came back about seven years ago.

#### Q What do you think of the area's arts-based regeneration?

**A**It's a great opportunity for the town. There has been some negative publicity about it and I have found it pretty unhelpful. There are people in the town who would be more comfortable if the whole project failed.

Although there are many who have been a great help to businesses here, the regeneration initiative [run by the Creative Foundation in partnership with its tenants as

well as other independent businesses] could benefit from more local support.

We need more people to come and buy things from the lovely shops, attend festivals, find out what's on at Quarterhouse and to eat and drink at the lovely cafés and restaurants.

Once there is a critical mass of surviving businesses, Folkestone's old town can then become a destination. This can only happen with strong, sustained local support.

#### Q Describe the type of paintings you do

**A**I try to take places that I know people will recognise and paint them in ways they might not have seen. The big palette knife I use naturally abstracts what I paint, breaking up the picture into sections of colour and tone, like a jigsaw, which the person who looks at it 'pieces back together'. When a person does this, they are the final piece of the jigsaw, playing the final part of the painting's creation.

#### Q Tell us about your entry into the BBC Amateur Scientist Of The Year competition

**A**When the recession started, I noticed people were reluctant to cross the threshold of my gallery. However hard I tried to make good paintings, it was pointless if nobody came in and looked at them! So I put a mannequin in the back of the gallery looking at the paintings, so would-be entrants would not fear being alone if they came in.

I submitted the idea as a way of influencing

a person's decision process when entering a retail space. I came fifth out of 1,300 entrants.

I was a little gutted to get so close – the top four entries get to run research projects with leading scientists and present the findings at the British Science Festival in September.

#### Q Tell us about the Folkestone Sandcastle Competition

**A**I am a trustee of The Church Street Project, a charity that provides creative therapy and counselling to children in Shepway [[www.churchstreetproject.co.uk](http://www.churchstreetproject.co.uk)].

The children it helps are often victims of unstable home environments and the counselling uses art and creativity to help them make sense of their lives.

I am organising the fourth annual Folkestone Sandcastle Competition to raise money for the charity on Sunday, July 18.

It starts at 10am and judging takes place at 12.30pm. To register your team, phone 01303 240452, email [shane@shanerecord.com](mailto:shane@shanerecord.com), or just come into my gallery at 21 The Old High Street.

There's more information about it on my website at [www.shanerecord.com](http://www.shanerecord.com).

#### Q Are you doing any other activities for The Church Street Project this year?

**A**I'm cycling from John O'Groats to Folkestone in September with a friend to raise more money. I'll produce work along the way to auction off on our return. For more details and to sponsor us, go to my website.

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# Pilot scheme's patients will get personal health budget



**EXPECTANT:** Mums-to-be and the elderly will be among those taking part in the personal-health-budget pilot

PREGNANT women and the elderly will be among those given NHS cash to spend on their own health care.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent is one of eight primary care trusts in England chosen to pilot the 'personal health budget' scheme, which will see patients using a preloaded card to pay for the services they need.

Those signed up to the initiative will be handed budgeted care plans allowing them to buy treatments such as physiotherapy or health aids such as specialised beds.

The pilot will run for three years and involve 75 patients from across Thanet, including carers, the terminally ill and people with learning disabilities and mental-health problems.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent acting chief executive David Meikle said: "Personal health budgets will help people feel in control of their care and able to make decisions about their

treatment. This study and the support we are receiving from Kent County Council will enable us to explore new and innovative ways of giving greater patient choice, more personalised health care and improved health and well-being, all based on principles contained in the NHS constitution."

About 70 primary care trusts – including NHS Medway – are already involved in the personal health-budget trial.

## Evidence

However, the pilot announced on Monday by new care services minister Paul Burstow is different because the cash goes directly to the patient instead of being held by the trusts or a third party. The other trusts signed up are in Doncaster, central London, Islington, Merseyside, Oxford, Somerset and West Sussex.

Mr Burstow said: "There is strong evidence

from the social-care sector that direct payments help achieve better outcomes and give people more choice and control over the care they receive.

"They will not work for everyone or for all patient groups or services, but we want to identify whether, for whom, and how they could offer an opportunity to help achieve the best health and well-being outcomes."

"That is why we are developing this pilot programme. It will stop health care from slipping back to the days of one-dimensional, like-it-or-lump-it services."

The study is being evaluated nationally by three research teams, including one from the University of Kent's personal-social-services research unit. Patients who sign up to the pilot will access services using the Kent Card, which social-care recipients use to spend the money given to them by KCC.

# Schools consider academy option

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

schools to decide what's best for them, not politicians or bureaucrats."

The DfE has published a list of 1,567 schools nationwide that have registered an interest in becoming academies. The list includes 52 Kent schools rated as "outstanding" by Ofsted – the most in the country – as well as 66 that are not.

Hartsdown Technology College in Margate is one of the 'not outstanding' schools featured, but principal Andrew Somers said expressing an interest was not a declaration of intent.

"We're just looking at what's on offer, really," he said. "There's not enough detail yet for us to decide whether we're going to do it or not."

"The number of schools in Kent that end up as academies could end up significantly less than the number that has registered an interest because we don't know whether it will be worth it or not in the long term."

## Challenge

"One of the downsides of becoming an academy is that you end up on your own and have to access all the support and pay for it yourself. But we're a National Challenge school and need all the help we can get."

"We've built up a really good relationship with Kent County Council and would have to think very carefully before jumping ship."

KCC leader Paul Carter has urged head-teachers to exercise "extreme caution" before agreeing to become academies because not enough information on the scheme had been released.

His sentiments were echoed by the National Grammar Schools Association, which warned that under current proposals governors would not need to hold a parental ballot before turning their schools into comprehensives in the future.

Kent is already home to some 15 academies, all of which were developed to transform the fortunes of one or more schools that had been suffering from "extremely challenging circumstances".

However, the new academies will be different because even the best-performing schools in the county have been invited to sign up.

And while the existing academies are funded by a mix of public and corporate sponsorship, it is not yet clear where the money for the new breed will come from.

For a full list of schools that have expressed an interest in becoming academies, visit [www.education.gov.uk/academies/schools-registering-interest](http://www.education.gov.uk/academies/schools-registering-interest).

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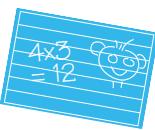
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MAKING A RACKET: Our young tennis hopefuls

## Youngsters serve notice of potential

A HYTHE junior tennis player came out on top in a tight three-set match at Haynes Barn in the final of the June mini-orange competition.

Theo Pilkington showed some excellent defensive skills to secure a win over Jack Price of Smeeth, who also showed some great attacking promise as he tried to reverse the outcome of their previous finals clash.

The under-14 Road To Wimbledon competition has also been running since April and culminated this month with Charing's James Oliver and Michael Parsons of Brabourne battling it out in the final.

James displayed some great tennis to take the title and is now progressing to the next stage, which ultimately could lead to playing at SW19.

Other June competition results included the May mini-red competition won by Owen Doherty from Seabrook beating Savannah Harris of Ashford in a reversal of their last meeting.

For more information about upcoming competitions and for tennis summer camps, phone Tanya on 07746 127713 or email [haynebarntennis@live.co.uk](mailto:haynebarntennis@live.co.uk).



WINNERS: Students at the South Kent College awards ceremony and, right, Jessica Thomas receiving her award for multi-crafts - the 17-year-old was described as a 'model pupil'



## Awards will give construction students platform to build on

STUDENTS were recognised for their efforts at the annual construction awards at South Kent College, with a new dedicated memorial prize in the multi-crafts category.

The family of former student Sam Page, who died a year ago after suffering a blood-related illness, was at the ceremony at the Kingsnorth Hall on the college's Folkestone campus in Shorncliffe Road.

The inaugural prize, named after him, was presented to Jack Thompson, 16, of Elvington, near Dover. Other prizes in multi-crafts went to Jessica Thomas, 17, of Chart Road in Folkestone.

Her tutor Julie Knight said: "Jessica has been a model student from day one. She has a fantastic attitude to the course, always puts 100 per cent effort into her work and has an exceptional eye for detail."

In the painting and decorating category, Sam McCullough, 19, of Dallas Brett Crescent

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

in Folkestone, won Outstanding Achievement Of The Year Level 1.

Tutor Sarah Young, who nominated him, said: "Sam has achieved great success this year, competing in the Skilled-Up competition and achieving first place, thus qualifying him for a place in the Southern heat in Skill Build, producing a very close second place.

"He is a great asset to the class due to his dedication and highly competitive streak that has motivated his fellow students."

Dover's Craig Smith, 18, was Student Of The Year Level 1 Group A and Bradley Clark, 17, of Brookland on Romney Marsh, won Outstanding Achievement Of The Year Level 1 Group A. Chris Kirkham, from Sandgate, was Student Of The Year Level 3.

In plumbing, Student Of The Year was Joshua Hall, 17, of Mount Pleasant Road, Folkestone, with Jamie Dye, 27, from Dover, winning Apprentice Of The Year and Joel

Prebble, 17, of Dolphins Road, Folkestone, was Most Improved Student Of The Year Level 1.

The Gordon Paine Award To The Evening Student went to Danny Piggott, 35, from Etchinghill. In the electrical category, William Ovenden from Folkestone was Student Of The Year. His tutor described him as "outstanding".

In construction and the built environment, Darren Birkett, 41, of Capel-le-Ferne, won National Certificate Student Of The Year (First Year).

Joshua Pallant, 18, from St Mary in the Marsh, won the health and safety award, while Danny Palasz, 16, from Folkestone, was Young Apprentice Of The Year. He was nominated by his tutor, Steven Doust, who said he had worked consistently hard in the classroom and especially hard in the workshop.

The event, held on Thursday, June 10, was sponsored by Jenner (Contractors) Ltd, Hamilton Acorn, Invicta Construction Training Group, Keyline, Megga Ltd, Mansells - Kent Region, Cheney and Thorpe, H&K Safety Services, PTS and C Watkins Plumbing.

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PROTEST: Joe Jones, vice-chairman of the Gypsy Council, says that travellers are sick with being pushed around

# Gypsy leader's anger over call for clampdown

A GYPSY leader has reacted angrily to town-hall leaders' calls for a Government clampdown on unlawful developments.

Last week a letter signed by all 13 of Kent's district and borough heads, including county council leader Paul Carter, was sent to the Government, calling for tougher penalties for people who build without planning permission.

The document makes a particular point about caravans and mobile homes, stating that current policy "weighs against what is acceptable and explainable" to the public.

However, Joe Jones – director of the Canterbury Gypsy Support Group and vice-chairman of the international Gypsy Council – says local authorities are to blame for not providing adequate land to settle on.

## Framework

"At the end of the day we need provision," he said. "And if we're not going to get it from them, then we're going to get it ourselves."

"All we want is somewhere we can call home. OK, we can't stop everywhere, but asking for more laws is ridiculous."

"There's no point dogmatizing and vilifying us for their failures. It's getting to the point where it's time for us to protest against the councils because we can't keep taking this on the chin."

"We're sick of being pushed from pillar to post. We're not animals, we're human beings."

Later this year the Government will publish its first national planning framework, which KCC leaders hope will tackle the issue of developments being built without planning permission."

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

ning permission. They are calling for the Con-Lib coalition to introduce a new offence that would result in deliberate offenders being forced to take down unlawful buildings or fined according to the seriousness of the case.

Tonbridge and Malling council leader Mark Worrall said: "Unlawful development can scar the countryside and is the bane of many villagers' lives."

"This simple piece of legislation would send a clear message that there is 'zero tolerance' for buildings put up without permission and would give councils clearer and less encumbered powers to enforce the wishes of local people."

"Such a move would be particularly helpful in dealing with unauthorised caravans and mobile homes."

The letter signed by the council leaders was addressed to Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark, who is also the new minister for planning policy in the department of communities and local government.

Mr Clark said: "The public want to see fair play – everyone being treated equally and even-handedly in the planning process."

"The new government will tackle the real concerns about the current rules and guidance for planning decisions in relation to travellers' sites."

"We are working on proposals to strengthen the powers councils have to enforce against breaches of planning control and to tackle the abuse of retrospective planning permission."

## Now Play Away Floella becomes baroness

CHILDREN'S TV presenter Floella Benjamin has taken her seat in the House of Lords as a Lib Dem peer.

Her official title is Baroness Benjamin of Beckenham in Kent, but she will be known as Baroness or Lady Benjamin.

The 60-year-old TV favourite, best known for

shows like Play Away, promised to spend "much energy on the well-being of children and young people".

She has starred in the Doctor Who spin-off series The Sarah Jane Adventures, works with Action For Children and Barnardo's and is a cultural ambassador for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.



## Pylon plans 'will scar landscape'

WIND FARMS and new sources of electricity in remote areas are viewed by some as good news for the environment, but they need cables to connect them to the National Grid.

And conservationists have greeted with dismay the news that a new chain of electricity pylons looks set to blight Kent.

The National Grid wants to increase the network across the UK because there is a shortage of options to deliver power, but pressure group Protect Kent says there is an urgent need to move to electric cars and to develop regional 'smart' electricity grids that can cope with renewable-energy generation.

It said that from Romney Marsh to the North Downs near Gravesend, ranks of pylons are an industrial scar on Kent's landscape.

Protect Kent chairman Richard Knox-Johnston said: "Given the choice, most people would prefer underground cables."

National Grid says pylons cost £1.6m a mile, whereas underground cabling costs £20m, and that needs to be added to customers' bills.

However, Protect Kent said schemes for underground lines in Europe had shown that not only was the investment less but that some of this outlay could be recouped as underground cables were more reliable.

The RSPB in Kent is also concerned. It said: "The most likely conservation issue for birds is impact if they are placed in a busy route for them. The construction of pylons would be subject to the usual planning process and any nature-conservation impacts would be considered as part of that."

National Grid said this was the biggest expansion of electrical infrastructure in half a century and was needed to meet a surge in demand and to link up with wind farms and nuclear power stations.



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## YOUR LETTERS

### We don't want peace - we want big airport

The reported annual loss at Lydd airport of almost £2 million is to be regretted but is perhaps hardly surprising given the battle the airport management faces in obtaining planning permission to expand it.

Decades of prevarication and opposition by Shepway council have surely contributed to the airport's current economic position.

Now the airport has the added expense and burden of fighting planning appeals from Natural England and Lydd Airport Action Group, with the possibility of further legal costs running into millions of pounds if the matter goes to a public inquiry.

Little wonder the country is in such dire straits and countries without the nonsense of protracted planning applications like China, India and Brazil are growing at rates in more than five or ten per cent per annum.

At a time when this coalition government threatens job cuts running into millions, the district can't afford to see Lydd airport fail.

Objections to the airport's expansion from pressure groups more interested in preserving the peace and tranquillity of a bygone age rather than providing jobs and a future for working families and their children in Lydd must be swept aside by the new Secretary of State for the Environment.

If they are not, then for sure this coalition's legacy across Romney Marsh won't just be high youth unemployment, but mass migration as people leave the Marsh to seek work in areas where enterprise, skill and initiative are more valued than great crested newts or the latest species of nesting gulls.

Donald Worsley  
Folkestone and Hythe Labour Party

### Put your trust in saving our history

I would like to thank this newspaper for its balanced account of the difficulties facing Deal Maritime And Local History Museum.

As a charity, the museum has a duty to protect not only the charity's possessions (its land, buildings, objects and archives), but also volunteer stewards and visitors.

We are now closing the museum for the time being in the interests of visitors and volunteer stewards who, like myself, are mainly pensioners.

Trustees are not allowed to bow to public opinion or private interest, and it is wrong of anyone to suggest that they should.

The current dispute, therefore, is placing severe strain on the present trustees, who are also unpaid volunteers.

This problem should have been resolved long ago by previous trustees as the land should never

# yourblogger

Simon Robinson is left hot under the collar – not by the scorching weather, but by his bosses...



THIS weather we are having is intolerable. It's too hot, too humid and too distracting; constantly filling my mind with thoughts of shorts, sandals, seaside, beer, beer gardens, barbecues and other non-work, outdoor daydreams.

All of which makes my arduous daily task of making phone-calls, sifting through emails, writing news stories and managing reporters something of an arduous task.

The powers-that-be have made efforts to make my working life a little more bearable during this mini heatwave of ours.

I've been provided with a small desktop fan, which is trained on my brow from mid-morning to early evening, and our office's patio doors are inevitably opened at some point throughout the day to further aid the flow of fresh air into the newsroom.

But try as I might, when the sun starts shining and the temperature passes 25 degrees, I can't seem to shake off a burning yet entirely irrational sense of injustice at being made to work on such a beautiful day in such stuffy circumstances.

This isn't your typical British 'it's too hot, it's too cold' moan at the weather, though.

No, my issue is with The Management.

It is arguably too hot to work in these conditions. We can't change the weather, but there are other vari-

ables we can alter. For instance, why don't we roll out a formal summer office-wear range for men? Suits are out, shorts and flip-flops are in.

A free ice-cream coupon would also do wonders to improve weather-affected workers' morale.

Transport chiefs could also replace stuffy, overcrowded buses with those open-deck tourist guide models.

Or how about we just accept that productivity is bound to go down slightly on the rare occasions when it's hotter in this country than it is in Bermuda.

When your boss asks you for those reports/spreadsheets you said you'd have finished by noon, an acceptable response should be "Look, sir, it's hotter than the sun in here. I'll get them to you by tomorrow".

All of these flawless suggestions would improve our daily working lives immeasurably.

And there are equivalents for the winter cold snap.

How about free hot-water bottles? Mugs of hot chocolate? How about grit on the roads? (On second thoughts, maybe that last one's asking a little too much.)

We Brits aren't used to extreme temperatures. We are used to rain and darkness. It's what we're cut out for. If we want the sun or the snow, we go on holiday.

That's the way it's always been and it's the way it should always remain.

So unless The Management can find a way to replace the unbearable summer sun and the ice-cold winter frost from Monday to Friday, I suggest they take the above pointers on board.

Office shorts and flip-flops are the way forward.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering, contact the editor, **Dave Mairs**, on **01303 817022**, or email him on the details above.

If you want to be the next blogger, then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of about 550 words) and email it to the editor.

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have been leased in the first place.

The aim of the charity is to preserve the heritage of Deal for future generations. It will fulfil its aim without fear or favour to any one person or to any group.

**Deryck Murray, chairman**  
Deal Maritime And Local History Museum Trust

### Spending cuts threat to UK's biodiversity

Recent reports suggest a general decline in the UK's biodiversity.

Clearly, as an area of continuing housing development, warehousing plans and, worst of all, road-building, Kent's biodiversity is under serious threat unless local planning authorities favour its protection over greenfield site development.

Reports suggest more than twice as many conservation priority species and habitats are declining as are increasing across the UK.

The UK Biodiversity Action Plan report shows that 24 per cent of the priority species are declining (88 species in total), as against 11 per cent which are improving.

Forty-two per cent of the priority habitats (19 habitats in total, including wildlife-rich upland chalk grassland and upland hay meadows) are in decline, as against 18 per cent which are improving.

Kent's Biodiversity Action Plan and its 28 Habitat Action Plans are without doubt under threat given

the general threat to spending by local government.

Cuts in local government spending since the 1970s have compromised the many services it covers, not least those relating to our environment.

This shows a lack of joined-up thinking since the rise of domestic tourism may be stifled if we do not make a better job of preserving biodiversity in Kent for tourists as well as local residents.

**Steve Dawe**  
Kent Green Party

### Helping hand makes world of difference

For many, the World Cup has been an opportunity to get together with friends and family.

At this time, spare a thought for older people, many of whom see their TV as their only friend.

This may be because they have no family or they may have lost a much-loved wife or husband.

Mobility problems may mean they struggle to get outdoors which can lead to loneliness, isolation and despair.

But it doesn't have to be that way.

As an organising volunteer for Independent Age, the UK-wide charity which provides lifelong friendship, practical help and financial support to older people on very low incomes, your skills,

ideas and enthusiasm could help brighten the lives of older people.

You'll help us recruit and support our volunteer visitors, who visit the people we support in their homes, and provide vital human contact.

If you think you have what it takes to help recruit, support and motivate other volunteers and have input on fund-raising ideas in your area, then we would love to hear from you.

Contact Amanda Jupp, Area Manager for South East England on 01403 741 042 or email [Amanda.Jupp@independenteage.org.uk](mailto:Amanda.Jupp@independenteage.org.uk).

**Amanda Jupp**  
Independent Age

### There's no solution to football problems

As we get over the debacle of another failed campaign by England, we are all once again examining the game and trying to find solutions so that we can perform better.

Well, it's not going to happen.

We simply are not good enough and never will be. We had the chance to get our house in order and make the best of our young talent, but we didn't do it.

Now every nation has a well-disciplined squad capable of giving any team a close game – as the World Cup has shown.

In this country, with the exception of a few big clubs, the only youngsters who find themselves in with a chance are the extremely talented and many of them will be disappointed when they fail to land a contract.

Football has become the dominant sport in Britain and too many youngsters want to be footballers.

Parents pushing their kids to achieve is part of the problem.

And then when they do make it, our English Premier League players are incapable of performing.

The problem is that without the security of a Premier League team built around them, these stars just get frustrated and fade during the game, then blame their coach when it's over.

I don't know the answer to making us play better, but I do think we need to lower our expectations at a national level and, as always, prepare to be bitterly disappointed by our countrymen.

**Joe Hounslow**  
by email

### Hadlow Cantagrians at the County Show

Hadlow College is calling all past and present students to a special event during Kent County Show (July 16-18) celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Cantagrians Society.

A reception will be held on Sunday, July 18, from midday until 1.30pm in the Hospitality Suite of the Kent Pavilion, which is in the centre of the showground.

The Cantagrians Society was set up in 1930 as a membership organisation for past students of the college.

The society remains active and is looking forward to celebrating this unique occasion with existing and future members.

**Hadlow College**  
by email

### Clay-pigeon shooting to help the hospice

A charity clay-pigeon Shoot will be held at West Kent Shooting School to raise funds for The Friends of The Wisdom Hospice. The event is ideal for novice shooters, ladies and juniors.

The clay shoot will take place on Friday, August 6. Coffee and registration is at 9.30am and the day finishes with a prize-giving ceremony at 2.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £60 per person (half the usual price for such a package), which includes a £20 donation to The Friends.

Included in the ticket price are 25 practice clays, 25 competition clays, refreshments including a two-course lunch, full instruction from qualified instructors, use of school guns, hearing/eye protection and insurance.

Places must be reserved in advance by contacting The Friends of The Wisdom Hospice on 01634 831163.

**Emma Dengeate**

The Friends of The Wisdom Hospice

# Author happy as Larry with his story so far

FIND out how you can be as happy as Larry with the new fund-raising book by a Kent author.

After years of entertaining family and friends with witty anecdotes from his life and career, Larry Brooks decided to write down all his best stories in aid of a good cause.

With his self-published life-story, Happy As Larry, he hopes to help other people achieve contentedness and will donate the profits to Demelza House children's hospice in Sittingbourne.

"Friends say that I'm a good storyteller, whether it is tales from childhood, school or university," Mr Brooks, 63, said. "Our honeymoon was rather funny and lots of things happened at work and more recently."

"I try to entertain people with true life-stories and they say 'That's funny, you should write it down'. I also wanted to put a marker down for my grandchildren; I wanted to say 'This is what I am about and what we are about'."

As well as exploring his own life and experiences, the retired IT worker from Rainham also charts the social and cultural events

■ BY JANE CONNOLY

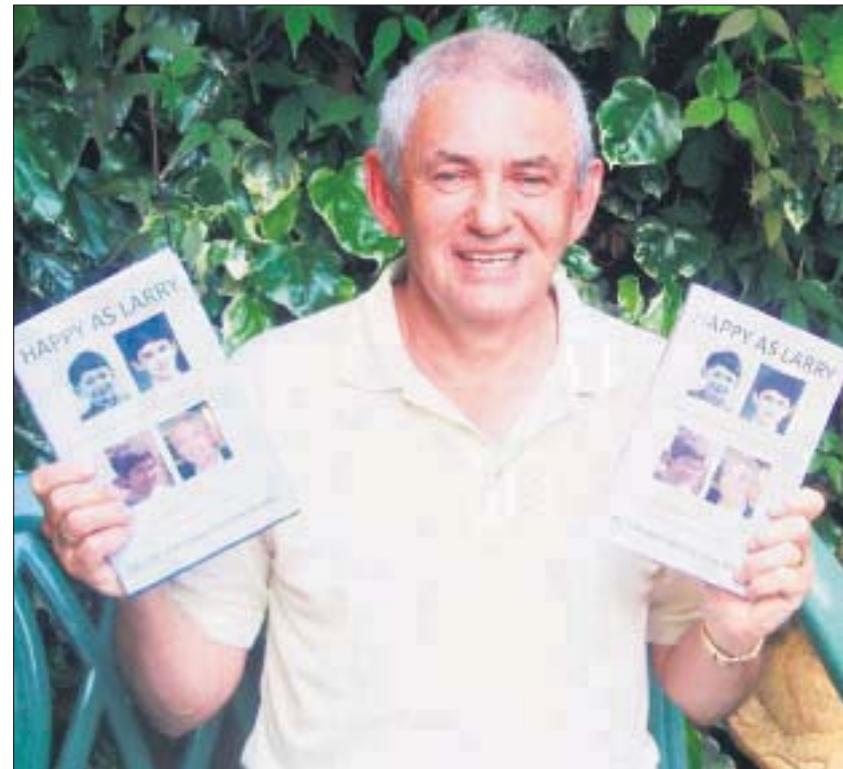
that have unfolded throughout his lifetime.

"It's a love-story, as I've been married to Ruth for 42 years, but it's also very much a social history," he said. "I was in computing for more than 40 years and I've seen a lot of things from the beginning."

"There are chapters with music, sport, famous people I've met and the best advice I've ever had, mostly from my father. There are chapters on all sorts of things and what has gone on around me."

Although Mr Brooks and his family have faced challenges like anyone else – such as family bereavements and the loss of someone close to them in the 7/7 London bombings – he describes himself as "99 per cent happy" and hopes his book might help other people to discover the secret of happiness.

"That's what you ask everybody and it's what everyone wants, for themselves and their children," he said. "I think it's about looking for a way forward. However bad things might be, it's about thinking 'This has happened, but



LIFE-STORY: Larry Brooks with his book, which he hopes will help raise money for Demelza House children's hospice

what should I do now?'. I think it's also about meeting the right person, loving your job and being constructive."

Mr Brooks already donates to Demelza House but decided to do more to help by donating the profits from his book to the charity.

"It's a very sad business that children there have terminal illnesses. My first memory is from when I was four and going into

hospital with my tonsils. The boy in the bed next to me was yellow and bald and I could tell there was something seriously wrong with him. In later years, I learned about cancer. It's a good cause and, being local, I can see the good it's doing."

• *Happy As Larry* is priced at £10 for paperback or £15 for hardback. To buy a copy, email [larrybrooks2000@hotmail.com](mailto:larrybrooks2000@hotmail.com) or visit [www.happy-as-larry.com](http://www.happy-as-larry.com).



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**JENNY** 23, shapely, understanding blonde, likes wild nights out and quiet times in, seeks tall older male who is not too serious for fun times together without complications. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330857

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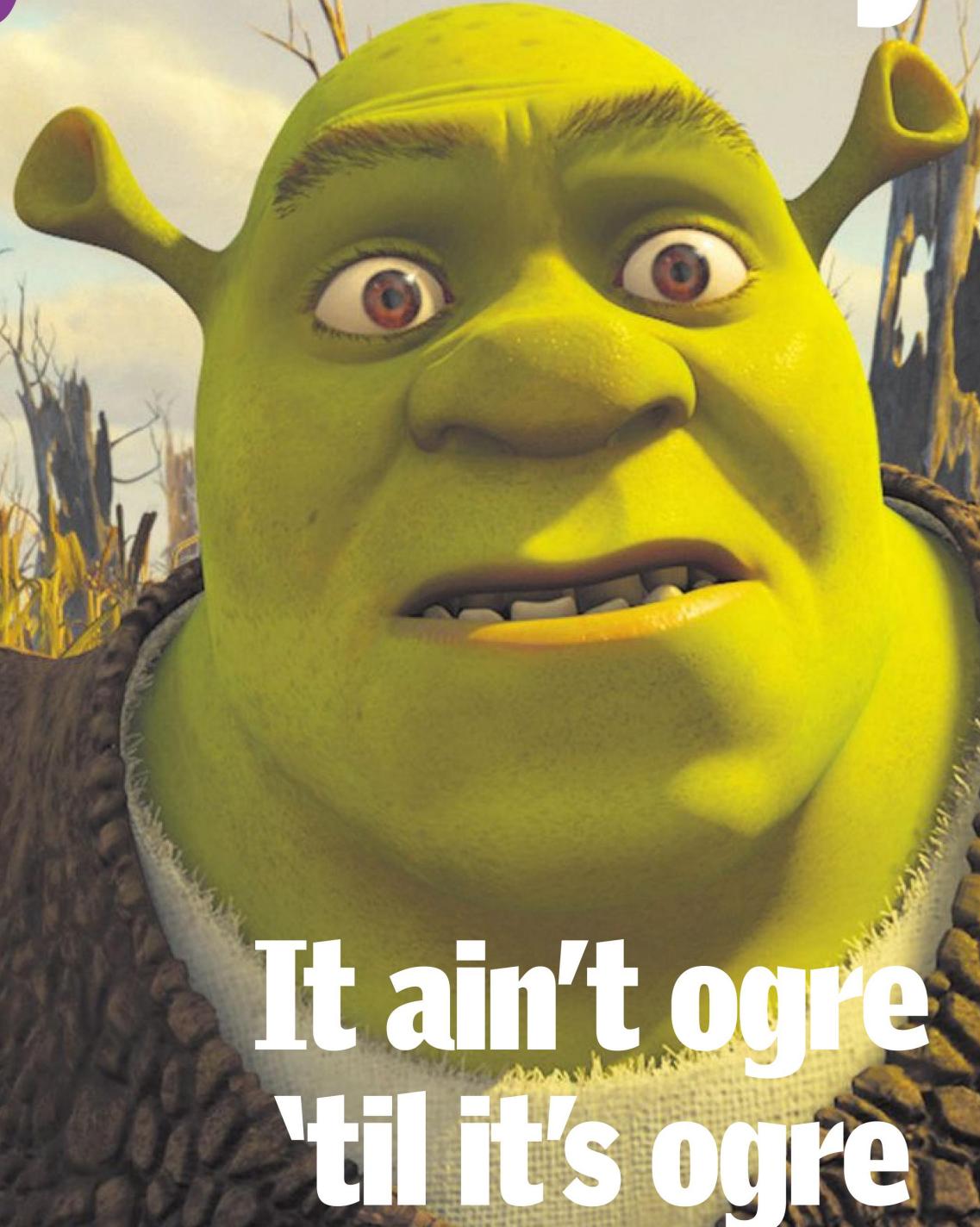
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YOUNG people are invited to audition for the free Dover Youth Theatre workshop, From Film and Footlights.

West End musical director Pete Faint joins the workshop which runs from August 14 to 19. Auditions for ages 10 to 26 will take place at the Salem Baptist Church in Dover from 4.30pm on Friday (July 9). For details call 01304 202544 or email [doveryouththeatre@hotmail.com](mailto:doveryouththeatre@hotmail.com).

**Street festival coming**

MUSIC, dance and much more will be on offer at the Ashford Street Festival on Sunday (July 11).

Hosted by Ashford Go4Palay in High Street, the festival features play-themed activities, an Italian market and skateboarding and dance workshops for teenagers, face painting and much more.

The traditional carnival is also being incorporated into the event.

**Join Canterbury choir**

AUDITIONS are being held for Canterbury Choral Society's Youth Choir on Saturday (July 10).

Boys and girls aged from seven to 14 can audition at St Edmund's School between 2pm and 4pm where they will be given a voice test.

Applicants can apply and pick their own audition time online at [www.canterburychoral.co.uk/youth](http://www.canterburychoral.co.uk/youth).

**Play time in Broadstairs**

GET over the World Cup blues with a double bill of entertainment from Millers Amateur Dramatic Society.

The group presents three short plays from Jean McConnell's Deckchair series and Darlings, You Were Wonderful by Derek Lomas. The show is at the Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs, July 10 and 11. Book on 0845 262 6263 or email [info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk](mailto:info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk).

**Born to barn dance**

KICK up your heels at Equator's ceilidh barn dance with the Catsfield Steamers on Friday (July 9).

The dance will be held at Norton Knatchbull School in Ashford at 8pm and tickets cost £9/£7/£4. A fish and chip dinner is also available for £6/£2 and there is a vegetarian alternative.

To book call 01233 629165 or visit [www.equatorfestival.com](http://www.equatorfestival.com).

**Pick 'n' paint a pot**

ADULTS can try their hand at pottery painting at a venue in Cliftonville.

Pick 'n' Paint a Pot in Northdown Road is offering a workshop from 7pm to 9.30pm on Friday (July 9). Admission costs £13 and booking is recommended. To find out more call the pottery on 01843 297778 or visit the website at [www.picknpaintapot.co.uk](http://www.picknpaintapot.co.uk).

**Drury does the classics**

PAY tribute to musical legends at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate on Saturday night (July 10).

Neil Diamond, Sinatra and Friends features two separate performances by Bob Drury, as he sings classic songs from iconic performers.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10. To book call the box office on 01843 591750.



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**Outstanding choral music will fill Canterbury Cathedral during concert**

EXPERIENCE two outstanding pieces of music in a beautiful setting with Whitstable Choral Society's next concert.

The society is joined by five soloists as they perform Mozart's Requiem and Bach's Magnificat. The audience can look forward to an evening of rousing choral music with a group of remarkable soloists.

Soprano Bethany Kallan Remfry has graced the stage of prestigious London venues such as the Barbican, the Royal Albert Hall, the Houses of Parliament and St Martin-in-the-Fields. For her Wigmore Hall debut, she sang the world premiere of A Matter of Darkness by Alastair Putt. She has played some enviable roles, such as Dorabella in Mozart's Così fan tutte and Mercedes in Bizet's Carmen and Dido from Dido and Aeneas.

Helen Bailey is also a soprano who performs both as a soloist and a member of several ensembles, with an impressive list of credits which include The Clemency of Titus, Orfeo and Eurydice, Le nozze di Figaro, Susannah, The Rake's Progress and Carmen.

Hailing from Northern Ireland, contralto Lynda-Jane Workman sang with the Ulster Youth Choir in Proms

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at the Park and joined their Ireland and France tour. Her a cappella group Dieci, of which she is a founder member, recently reached the grand final of the BBC Radio 3 Choir of the Year competition and last year they launched their debut CD, A Good Night.

With a repertoire that ranges from the 17th century to the present day, tenor Julian Forbes has been praised for the rare depth and richness of tone found in his voice. A German speaker, he has a particular passion for the Baroque and is in high demand as an Evangelist in Bach's Passions.

Before he became a baritone singer, Laurence Meikle trained as an actor in Australia. But his career took a distinct turn and he has appeared as guest principal artist with Opera Australia, Victorian Opera and Melbourne Opera in a variety of popular productions. He is now studying at the Royal Academy of Music and has performed throughout the UK and Europe, including a Royal Command performance at Australia House in London.

Originally written for the Christmas Vespers in 1723, Bach's Magnificat was initially in E-

flat and included various seasonal texts. Years later, Bach removed the festive interpolations and transposed the piece into D, to make it suitable for performance all year round.

A grand masterpiece, Magnificat requires five soloists and a five-part choir. At the time of its writing, the orchestra – three trumpets, two flutes, two oboes, strings and continuo – was an unusually large one.

When Mozart died in December 1791, only the opening movement had been completely finished. Shortly after receiving the commission from Franz von Walsegg, who wanted to commemorate his late wife, Mozart fell ill and began to talk about his own death, even suggesting that he had been poisoned and was composing the Requiem for himself.

After his death, his widow Constanze was keen to collect the full payment on the work, so another composer, Franz Xaver Stüssmayr was brought in to complete it. Despite this controversy, the Requiem is still one of Mozart's best-loved works.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15/£12 or £5 for the transept, where there is a limited view. Tickets are available on the door and in advance from Harbour Books in Harbour Street, Whitstable, on 01227 264011; Terry Johnson on 01227 750950; by emailing [tickets@whitstablechoral.org.uk](mailto:tickets@whitstablechoral.org.uk) and online at [www.whitstablechoral.org.uk](http://www.whitstablechoral.org.uk).



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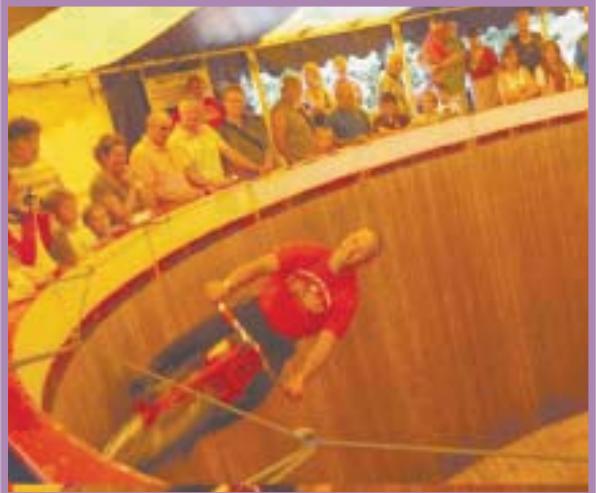
Alongside the seven music stages and the Playhouse, which hosts a bill of stand-up headlined by Howard Marks and Phill Jupitus' Improv All-Stars, there will be a variety of performing arts on offer. Performing Arts Network Kent, or PANeK, has joined forces with the Playhouse to present a showcase of theatre and performance.

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Tickets are £40 for an adult day ticket and £20 for children. Details at [www.lougeonthe-farm.co.uk](http://www.lougeonthe-farm.co.uk).



## QUEXO

Saturday, July 10, and Sunday, July 11, Quex Park, Birchington

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There will also be a funfair, a children's entertainer, cheerleaders, dance gymnasts, the Inter Thanet Junior Football Tournament and stalls. Many Hoots Owl Sanctuary will bring their beautiful birds of prey and on Saturday night, Blues Brothers and Elvis Presley tribute acts will provide live music. Gates open at 10am and tickets cost £7/£5 for adults and £1 for children over five. Admission is free after 6pm on Saturday.

## BROGDALE CHERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 10, and Sunday, July 11, Brogdale Farm, Faversham

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With more than 350 varieties of cherry growing at the farm, which is home to the National Fruit Collections, the expert guides are well-placed to tell visitors all about the fascinating history of the popular fruit. The cherry has been grown in the UK since AD46 and the farm has some interesting varieties in its collection, such as Early Rivers, which was raised from seed by Sawbridgeworth nurseryman, Thomas Rivers, in 1872.

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## DR PHIL'S RUDE HEALTH SHOW

Saturday, July 10, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



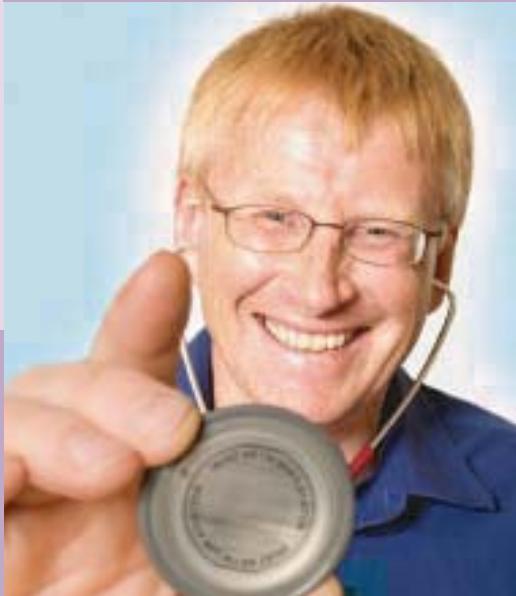
MEET the doctor who thinks he has the cure for everything when Dr Phil Hammond visits Canterbury.

With his new show, Dr Phil's Rude Health Show, he explores the health cost of pleasure seeking and tries to work out how the health system can cope with all our vices. Using his distinctive blend of humour, rudeness and irreverence, he gives audiences a consultation like no other.

Questions that will be examined include why people stick things in the places they do, what to do if someone dies during sex and how you can enjoy your pleasures without putting a strain on the NHS.

His frank, funny and subversive take on the world of medicine has been a real antidote for awkwardness as he travels the country, dispensing his wisdom while generating big laughs.

The show, which is suitable for over-16s, starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £15/£13. Book online at [www.thegulbenkian.co.uk](http://www.thegulbenkian.co.uk) or call the box office on 01227 769075. NHS workers can see the show for £12 but the discount is not available online. Bring proof of ID when collecting tickets.



## MARTIN CROONES' CHARITY DATES

Various Dates, outside Macari's, Herne Bay



SINGER Martin Croones will be entertaining in the name of charity this summer.

He will be performing big band swing classics outside Macari's, at the Bandstand, from 2pm to 4pm this Friday, to raise money for Cancer Research and the Strode Park Foundation. Croones will return for more performances on July 19 and 30 and August 2, 6, 16, 20 and 27, weather permitting.

In 2007 the former salesman decided to take a year out to focus on his dream of becoming an entertainer. With the support of his family, he began singing in care and retirement homes and eventually began to get gigs at social clubs and pubs.

Once the year had gone by, he had learned enough to commit another year to the project and has been going strong ever since. He now sings in golf clubs, hotels, restaurants and private parties, with a lot of work coming from recommendations.

Anyone who would like to find out more about Martin Croones can call him on 01227 283445 or 07740 046459, email [the-crooner@talktalk.net](mailto:the-crooner@talktalk.net) or go online to [www.freewebs.com/thecrooner](http://www.freewebs.com/thecrooner).





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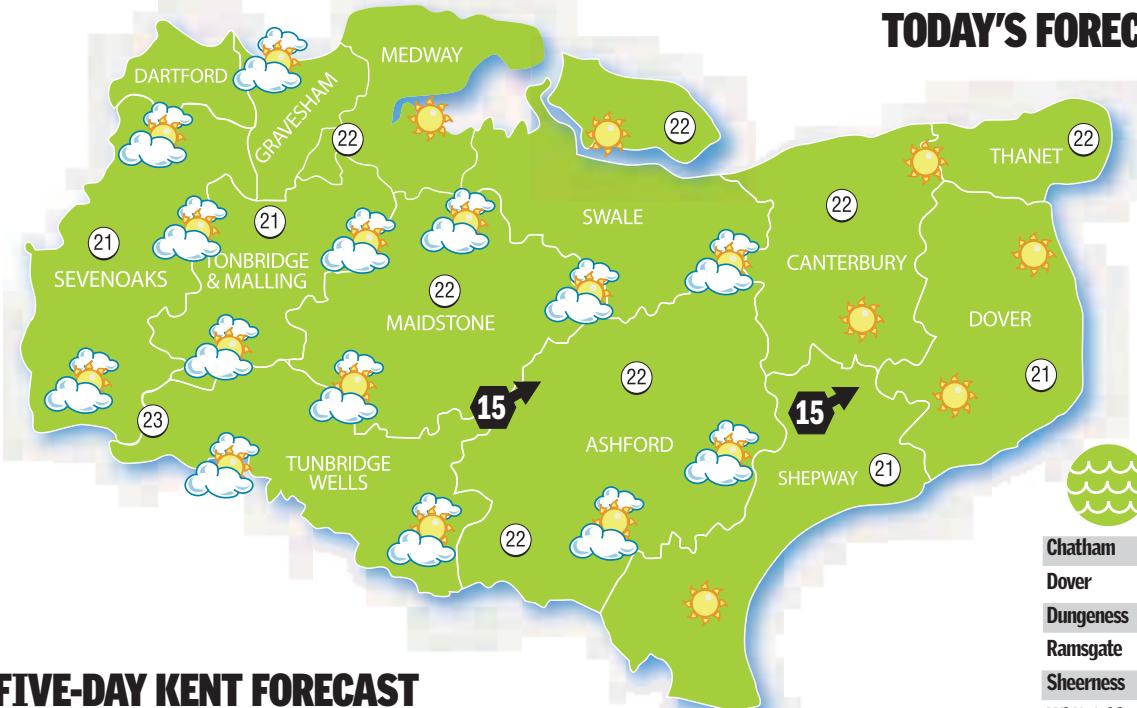
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Gibraltar	26°C	Vancouver	16°C
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Roxanne Pallett turned down a pop record deal when she won the part of Jo Stiles in Emmerdale that launched her as one of the nation's most loved soap stars.

With nominations for Best Actress, Sexiest

Female and Best Storyline for her agonising role of femme-fatale-turned-battered-wife, she proved to be more than just a pin-up.

Roxanne showcased her vocal talent on ITV's Soapstar Superstar and was the winner of Celebrity Stars In Their Eyes, singing as Gloria Estefan. She recently starred on ITV1's Dancing on Ice, then joined Torvill and Dean on their 25th anniversary Bolero



Tour. Roxanne has just completed her first Hollywood film, Lake Placid 3.

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# Frank Capra meets Walt Disney to inspire Shrek's final chapter

■ BY DAMON SMITH

THE fourth and final instalment of the computer-animated series puts a fairy-tale spin on *It's A Wonderful Life*, but *Shrek Forever After* lacks the heartfelt emotion of Frank Capra's 1946 classic.

The adventures of the jolly green ogre have been on a steady decline since the wildly imaginative 2001 original film, so it is to director Mike Mitchell's credit that this picture is arguably the best of the sequels.

Still, his film relies heavily on the love we have invested in the characters and their fates, and revisits many familiar faces from earlier chapters, including Pinocchio, Gingerbread Man and the Three Little Pigs.

Moreover, Mitchell steals shamelessly from Disney's *Beauty And The Beast* for his finale.

If you are going to borrow, it may as well be from the best.

*Shrek* (voiced by Mike Myers) is suffering mid-life angst with mewling kids and his beautiful and pungent wife, Fiona (Cameron Diaz). Villagers are no longer scared of him and the ogre begins to wonder if life holds any more surprises.

"Shrek, you have three beautiful children, a wife who loves you, friends who adore you. Why is it that you're the only person who can't see that?" implores Fiona sadly.

In his hour of desperation, Shrek meets the conniving Rumpelstiltskin (Walt Dohrn), who offers a tantalising deal: he will gift Shrek one whole day as a scary ogre, just like before, if the father agrees to sign away one day of his childhood.

Shrek agrees to the Faustian pact, blind to Rumpelstiltskin's devious plan: to erase the day that Shrek was born and thereby alter the future.

Suddenly, Shrek finds himself in an alternate universe where Fiona is the leader of an underground movement of ogres, good friend Donkey (Eddie Murphy) no longer recognises



**MID-LIFE ANGST:** Shrek finds himself tempted by Rumpelstiltskin, and right, Puss in Boots has let himself go a little

him and legendary assassin Puss In Boots (Antonio Banderas) has piled on the pounds to become a lazy house cat.

Indeed, he no longer answers to his heroic monicker. "That is a name I have outgrown," he purrs.

"That's not the only thing you've outgrown," quips Shrek, staring at the feline's bulging belly.

In order to win back Fiona's love, Shrek must join forces with Donkey and Puss to break the pact before the sands in Rumpelstiltskin's oversized hourglass run out.

*Shrek Forever After* brings the long-running saga to a lively close, reminding each of the characters about the love and friendship

which bind them together.

Dohrn's pint-sized, snivelling villain is a colourful addition to the cast and he brings some much-needed vim to proceedings.

Murphy is subdued – not that he has a great deal of screen time for his usual scene-stealing antics.

The 3D version exploits the eye-popping format during the chase sequences, but Mitchell's film loses nothing in 2D and children won't have the added distraction of the oversized plastic spectacles.

**SHREK FOREVER AFTER** Certificate PG



**MOST HATED?** Piers Morgan brings you the lowdown on exotic destinations



## YOUR TV REVIEW

PIERS MORGAN is probably one of the most hated men in Britain.

That's not a nice thing to write, but he does seem to be terribly disliked, although I've never quite figured out why.

Perhaps he's a little pompous, but then again so is Simon Cowell and he seems to be the nation's sweetheart these days and is just as influential as anyone in the country.

Piers Morgan on Fire, or Piers Morgan on the Rack might be preferable programme titles for many, but when he's not playing the plummy-voiced braver on Britain's Got Talent, Morgan is not actually as obnoxious as you might think.

Still, ITV's decision to give the man a regular show, taking a look at whatever he seems to fancy is an interesting one.

Never one to shy away from an

PIERS MORGAN ON ... ITV1, 8pm, Tuesday  
THE REAL DAD'S ARMY: More4, 7pm, Wednesday

■ BY TOM BETTS

awkward question, he travels far and wide to see what makes a place tick.

In short, he's trying to do a Clive James by getting under the skin of those he visits a little, hoping to expose something new for us viewers.

This week the man himself is looking at Las Vegas and Dubai, two places which share many similarities but also many differences.

WORLD War II has been very much in the news of late, with the 70th anniversary of the Dunkirk evacuations especially noteworthy.

But what would have happened if the Nazis had crossed the channel as many at the time feared and expected? Would Britain have crumbled with a desperate lack of real soldiers

to defend our island?

Probably, is the answer to that, but the greengrocers, bank clerks and butchers of Britain were ready to meet them head-on, even if that meant pitting teenagers on bicycles against Panzer tanks.

For anyone who likes Dad's Army, this is essential viewing, and as many of those who were actually involved are still alive to tell the tale, we're treated to some excellent first-hand accounts.

It may be true that the Home Guard, which they became known as, would have been crushed, but could well have put up more of a fight than has been parodied.

Taking in the daft, the brave, and the downright silly, *The Real Dad's Army* looks at the weaponry, training and undoubtedly spirit that was displayed on these shores.

## MOTORS NEWS



### Auris drives straight into first 'green' award

TOYOTA'S new petrol-electric Auris Hybrid has just launched and scooped its first award – WhatGreenCar Car of the Year 2010.

The low emission/road tax exempt British-built Auris Hybrid – capable of averaging more than 70mpg – beat 10 other green car finalists and www.whatgreen-car.com editor Dr Ben Lane, said the judging panel not only liked the car's superior drive and state-of-the-art driver control, but its 'normal' looks, in contrast to Toyota's bigger and more futuristic Prius.



### Suzuki's Grand Vitara loses its 'chunky' looks

SUZUKI has cleaned-up its three and five-door Grand Vitara 4x4.

It retains its genuine off-road ability with high and low gear ratios but, no doubt mindful of the threat from more cleanly styled crossovers like the Nissan Qashqai, the Japanese marque has toned down the Vitara's 'funky chunky' lines, notably by removal of the tailgate mounted spare wheel, which gives way to a tyre repair sealant and pump.

Suzuki is also retaining a zero per cent finance deal until the end of September.



### Renault is putting the Wind up crop top rivals

LOOKING like a Lotus Elise, but very much cheaper, Renault has revitalised the junior convertible sector of the market with the newly-arrived Wind Roadster.

It features an electrically-operated hardtop, which opens in just 12 seconds and does not affect boot space, unlike obvious rivals like the Peugeot 207CC and Vauxhall Tigra. The new coupé-roadster is built on the same platform as the Clio II Renaultsport hot hatch and well suited to two lively petrol engines – a 100bhp 1.2 and 133bhp 1.6 VVT Wind.



**STANDOUT:** Honda used the catchline 'not all 4X4s are the same' when they launched the new CR-V, but despite a revamp and improved emissions it still costs more than £29,000

# 'Whispering diesel' proof not all 4x4s are the same

HONDA'S latest CR-V stands apart from its bluff pseudo off-roader predecessors.

It's also far cleaner and more economical than 4x4 monsters that gave that sector a bad name. No wonder the Japanese marque launched this CR-V using the line 'not all 4x4s are the same'.

However, it is no longer the best-looking alternative and far from the cheapest, even though UK production at Swindon ought to make it less prone to the weakness of the pound, which is inflating new car prices here.

On the other hand, it is a marvellous package benefiting from a revamp bringing minimal cosmetic changes, but delivering an extra 10bhp and improved emissions quality from Honda's excellent 2.2-litre diesel – the so-called 'whispering diesel' – and CR-V best-seller by far.

It whispers even more now; only flooring the throttle will make the unit clatter, but it mostly delivers power freely and quietly.

For many would-be buyers though it is a new smooth-changing five-speed auto diesel option – at last – that will be most welcome.

Unfortunately, at £1,370, it is not cheap and

## ROAD TEST

### HONDA CR-V

■ BY STEVE LOADER

#### STAR QUALITY

##### Driving appeal



##### Image



##### Space



##### Value



##### Running costs



##### Reliability



##### Green rating



lacks the manual selection option expected on new generation auto 'boxes'.

This is a shame because the CR-V chassis is well-tuned to press on driving; some may find the ride quality firm, but it gives this relatively big and high-riding car great tenacity and very little body roll on the bends.

Interior fittings are upmarket and comfort levels excellent too, with good lateral support on the front seats, plus adjustable armrests and there is plenty of stowage, including a separate dashboard compartment with USB link for your iPod/iPhone or MP3 player.

Rear passengers are well catered for, with lots of legroom and a completely flat floor.

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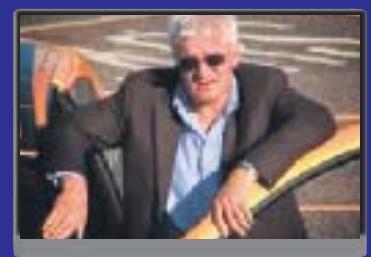
However, ultimate boot space is hampered by the rear being pinched for height and width and roof lining encroachment at the sides.

Our EX flagship test car also costs more than £29,000 with that pricey auto 'box', but it did groan beneath the weight of add-ons, so just look beyond the CR-V pricing – not all 4x4s are the same.



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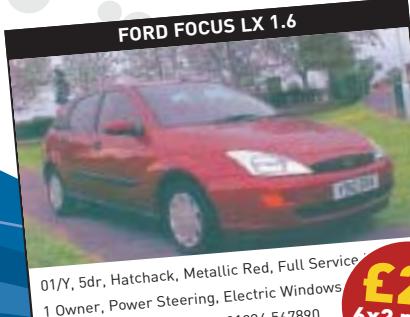
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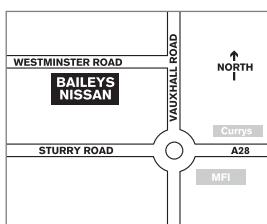
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## PROPERTY NEWS

### 'Tax changes could assist first-timers'

THE Government should make the creation of more affordable housing for first-time buyers and low-income families a top priority, according to a group that has analysed market trends.

It is the view of lobby group PricedOut.org.co.uk, which claims that millions of people on social-housing waiting-lists and first-time buyers looking to get on the property ladder are desperate for help.

Following radical changes to the planning system and public-sector funding cuts, the number of social homes built this year could slump by 65 per cent, according to research by the National Housing Federation.

But PricedOut.org.uk spokeswoman Katy John believes there are other ways that money could be saved without reducing the number of homes that are built for those who need them.

She said: "One way in which the Government could raise more funds for house-building is to remove the tax breaks currently enjoyed by buy-to-let investors.

"The estimated £1 billion saved every year by doing so could be used to build more affordable homes."

The plans also have the backing of groups who are working with people on low incomes looking to get on the housing ladder.

### Google putting your dream home on map

USERS of UK Google Maps can now search for listings from estate agents and property websites directly from the maps.

Available properties are indicated by a small circle that provides a link to a particular agent's website.

The new facility also means that potential home buyers and renters can enter a location and see the available listings from participating agents by selecting 'Properties' from the 'More' menu.

A search can then be refined by price and type of property.

Countrywide, Zoopla, PropertyLive, Ezylet, SmartNewHomes, Vebra, Property Pal, Spicer Haart and Zoomf are reported to already be on board, and listings can be uploaded free of charge, presenting something of a challenge to property portals such as Rightmove and Primelocation.



# Life can be tough in the overcrowded South East

## Federation demands more social housing

■ BY NICK AMES

SOUTH-EAST England has been named as one of the worst-affected areas of the UK when it comes to overcrowding.

A lack of new homes being built is the main reason behind the problem, claim National Housing Federation insiders who have been collating figures.

An estimated 80,000 households in the region are overcrowded, with that figure set to rise to 90,000 by 2013.

The National Housing Federation, which represents England's housing associations, is predicting a 20 per cent rise across the country in the number of families living in overcrowded housing by 2013.

The federation is warning that millions of people are now at risk of being trapped in sub-standard housing for a generation.

The slump in house-building is being blamed for fuelling the situation, with the figure of 123,000 new homes built in England and Wales in 2009-10 the lowest in 87 years.

### Waiting

Additional research has shown that insufficient homes have been built in the South East since 2002, with the region missing its target for new homes by 15 per cent during 2008/9, the latest year for which the figures are available.

With more than 203,000 South East households on housing waiting-lists, the mortgage drought has exacerbated the problem.

Many young families are being forced to stay at home with their parents while they save for a deposit, or are simply abandoning hope of being able to afford their own place in the current economic climate.

Warren Finney, South East regional manager for the federation, warned that living in overcrowded conditions could have a major impact on families.

He said: "Overcrowding is closely linked to poor health, low educational attainment and family breakdowns. It can also contribute to increased levels of homelessness and put enormous pressure on public services, as families are housed in expensive and often unsuitable temporary accommodation."

In the forthcoming spending review, the National Housing Federation is calling on the Government to ensure that 50,000 social rented and affordable homes can be delivered every year in England.



**NEGATIVE IMPACT:** Overcrowding means families are often housed in expensive and unsuitable accommodation

## Time to buy, if you have a deposit

NOW is the time to buy a house for those who want to get into the property market, but a sizeable deposit is still recommended.

A study by MyMortgageDirect claims rates on mortgages are now beginning to look favourable when compared with the escalation of UK rental values.

Mortgage-lender Santander claimed earlier that first-time buyers were now better off buying than renting as in almost every part of the country monthly payments for mortgage-holders were now lower than for renters.

While MyMortgageDirect director Stuart

Inman agrees with the figures, he says there is still one large caveat to the Santander claims: a large deposit.

He said: "It is easy to say a mortgage is cheaper than renting, but obviously you've got a huge deposit which people need to find."

"It is not quite as straightforward comparing the two when you take into account the other costs."

Mr Inman went on to say that those with less than 15 per cent of the purchase price for a deposit would see that mortgage rates are still not particularly attractive.



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Three bedroom link-detached bungalow. Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, driveway and a 82' rear garden with views over fields.

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#### Folkestone £189,995

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Folkestone Office

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#### Dover £95,000

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**DOVER**



**Dover 01304 201806**  
**£140,000**

Bairstow Eves are delighted to offer this deceptively spacious three bedroom terrace property to the market. In a central location and within walking distance of local schools and shops, this property boasts full central heating and double glazing, as well as a rear lawned garden.

The property comprises a 22' lounge/diner leading to the kitchen and access to the rear garden on the ground floor and two double bedrooms, one single bedroom and family bathroom to the first floor.

Your internal viewing is highly recommended.

**FOLKESTONE**



**Folkestone 01303 259211**  
**OIEO £130,000**

Offered for sale with no chain! Located within close proximity to local schools and shops, access to M20 and a short walk from Folkestone Central Mainline Train Station and its High Speed Link to London.

Arranged over three floors this family home benefits from lounge and kitchen/diner to the ground floor, with two bedrooms and WC to the first floor with a further bedroom and bathroom to the second floor. Further benefits include double glazing, gas central heating and a rear garden.

Internal viewing is highly recommended to appreciate in our opinion a spacious family home.

**DOVER**



**Dover 01304 201806**  
**£150,000**

Set in the sought after location of Crabble Avenue, is this neatly presented three bedroom terrace house. Accommodation comprises hallway, kitchen, open plan



**£150,000**

living/dining area and a conservatory to the ground floor and to the first floor three bedrooms and a bathroom. Also gas central heating and double glazing.

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**HYTHE**



**Folkestone 01303 259211**  
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to front.

**DOVER**



**Dover 01304 201806**  
**£140,000**

Bairstow Eves are delighted to present this well presented three bedroom terrace home to the market. The property is offered chain free and is set in a popular



location of Dover, nearby to local schooling and amenities.

**HYTHE**



**Folkestone 01303 259211**  
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**DOVER**



**Dover 01304 201806**  
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**DOVER**



**Dover 01304 201806**  
**£100,000**

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**FOLKESTONE**



**Folkestone 01303 259211**  
**ASKING PRICE £90,000**

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**FOLKESTONE**



**Folkestone 01303 259211**  
**£110,000**

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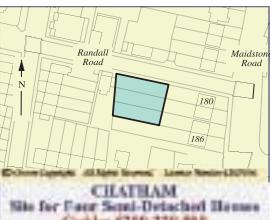
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**SHORNE**  
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**CILATHAM**  
Site for Four Semi-Detached Houses  
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**GRAVESEND**  
House for Improvement  
Guide: £85-90,000



**CHATHAM (STREET END RD)**  
Semi with Development Potential  
Guide: £140-150,000



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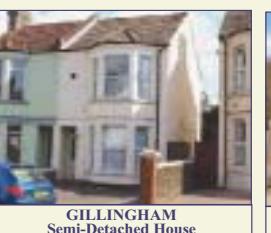
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**ROCHESTER**  
Semi for Improvement  
Guide: £160-170,000



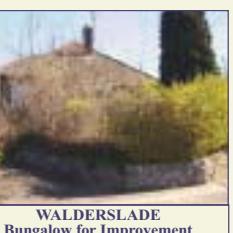
**GILLINGHAM**  
Double Fronted Semi  
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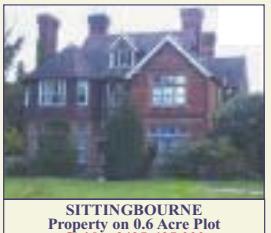
**GILLINGHAM**  
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**CHATHAM**  
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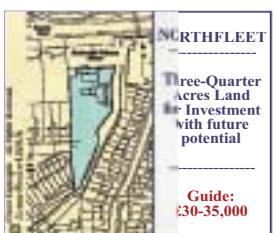
**FOLKESTONE**  
House is Favoured West End Location  
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**RYE**  
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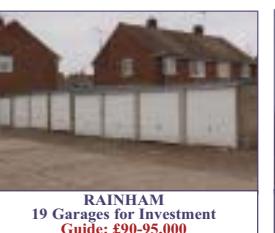
**ROCHESTER**  
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**NORTHFLEET**  
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**GILLINGHAM**  
House for Improvement  
Guide: £85-90,000



**RAINHAM**  
19 Garages for Investment  
Guide: £90-95,000



**NORTHFLEET**  
Semi for Improvement  
Guide: £115-125,000



**CHATHAM**  
Semi Det House for Improvement  
Guide: £95-105,000



**GRAVESEND**  
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**RAMSGATE**  
Ground Floor Shop, Cellar and Upper Parts  
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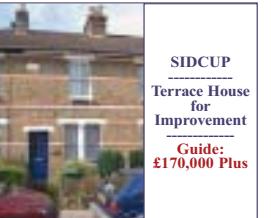
**RAMSGATE**  
Four Storey Terrace Property for Improvement with Potential  
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**SANDWICH**  
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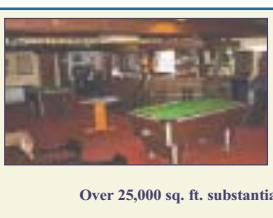
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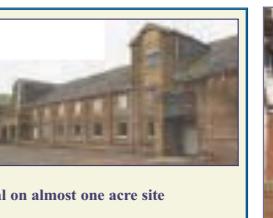
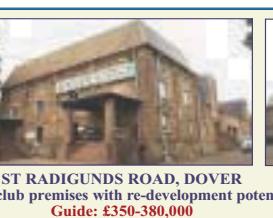
**SIDCUP**  
Terrace House for Improvement  
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**PEGWELL**  
Three Bed Semi for Improvement  
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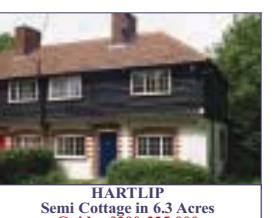
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**FOLKESTONE**  
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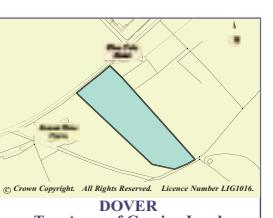
**CLIFTONVILLE**  
Leasehold Residential Investment  
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**DEAL**  
Cottage for Investment  
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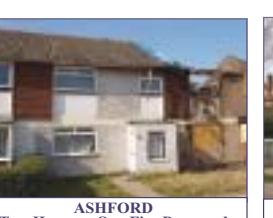
**GILLINGHAM**  
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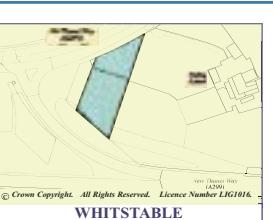
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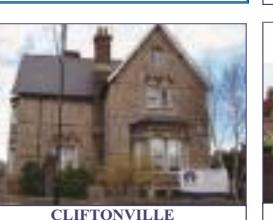
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## CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

## Kent League Division One

Canterbury 1st XI v Sandwich Town 1st XI

A HUGE third wicket partnership proved the difference as Sandwich Town dominated on their visit to Canterbury.

David Scoggins (102) and Vishaul Singh (141) shared a stand of 197 to set an intimidating target at Polo Farm. The only frustration was Town's bowlers were unable to take the ten wickets they needed to secure an outright victory, forcing them to settle for a winning draw.

Sandwich were put into bat and lost Lawrence Hills early on, caught off Justin Macvicar's bowling. But the breakthrough proved a false dawn and the visitors went on to seize the initiative.

Scoggins put on 60 with Stuart Smith until Macvicar struck again to remove the latter. It brought Singh to the crease and along with Scoggins the pair made Canterbury's attack toil. Both men reached three figures and the only disappointment was Scoggins falling just short of the 200 partnership.

It set Sandwich up for a mammoth 322 for 5 from their 50 overs, piling the pressure on the hosts. Needing more than a run-a-ball it was a tall order and without anyone able to imitate Scoggins or Singh, the priority changed to survival.

Several batsmen made encouraging starts to their innings, but none could occupy the crease for long enough to make a telling contribution. Simon Smith top scored with 47.

Sandwich's attack could not take the ten wickets they needed to secure victory, but the result did see the visitors leapfrog Canterbury in the table. Matthew van Poppel's side visit leaders Blackheath this Saturday.

# Scoggins and Singh put on 197 in draw



IN FORM: Sandwich's batsmen scored freely in their winning draw against Canterbury over the weekend at Polo Farm

## SCORE CARD

## Sandwich Town 1st XI

	Runs
Lawrence Hills ct Wren b Macvicar	6
David Scoggins b Minter	102
Stuart Smith ct Cooper b Macvicar	26
Vishaul Singh ct Macvicar b Minter	141
Oliver Robinson lbw b Wren	7
Tom Chapman not out	2
Robert Goatham not out	4
Craig Spanton did not bat	
Gavin Lawrence did not bat	
Tom Dilnot-Smith did not bat	
Matthew van Poppel did not bat	
Extras (10b 14lb 10w)	34
<b>Total (5 wickets, 50 overs)</b>	<b>322</b>

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Ryan Minter	14	3	61	2
Justin Macvicar	12	1	53	2
Tim Wren	14	1	95	1
Stuart Drakeley	4	0	35	0
Ben Cooper	6	0	54	0

## Canterbury 1st XI

	Runs
Neil Kimberley ct Hills b Spanton	21
Stuart Sinclair ct Robinson b Dilnot-Smith	6
Lulu Samarasingh ct Spanton b Goatham	10
Simon Smith ct Singh b Spanton	47
Stuart Drakeley ct Chapman b Robinson	26
Ryan Minter lbw b Chapman	12
Justin Macvicar not out	22
Mike Eales not out	8
Josh Staunton did not bat	
Tim Wren did not bat	
Ben Cooper did not bat	
Extras (2b 11lb 10w)	23
<b>Total (6 wickets, 50 overs)</b>	<b>175</b>

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	15	3	52	2
Tom Dilnot-Smith	8	1	20	1
Matthew van Poppel	5	2	9	0
Robert Goatham	6	0	18	1
Oliver Robinson	7	1	20	1
Vishaul Singh	4	0	13	0
Tom Chapman	5	0	29	1

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Hythe 1st XI v Sibton Park 1st XI

HALF-centuries from Lochan Blunden and Leon Morgan helped struggling Hythe upset neighbours Sibton Park by seven wickets.

The visitors batted first and after a solid opening stand their innings began to unravel. Blunden claimed two run outs in addition to his 4 for 46, but Andy Allon's 66 ensured Park at least posted a target to defend.

With only one league win before last weekend, a Hythe victory was far from a foregone conclusion, but they batted superbly. Blunden (67) and Morgan (57) made the key contributions to set up what became a relatively comfortable win.

## Sibton Park 1st XI

	Runs
Tim Bishop	run out
Andy Allon	b Blunden
Steve Hobbs	b Patching
Ben Allon	run out
George Leadbetter	ct Square b Blunden
Tom Payne	ct Watson b Blunden
Steve Hickmott	lbw b Pearson
Martin Wren	b Pearson
Steven Rowe	ct Maurice b Pearson
Gareth Meers	ct Maurice b Blunden
Tim Smith	not out
Extras	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>(all out, 49.4 overs)</b>
Bowlers	
Daniel Patching	0
Jamie Allon	M
James Blunden	R
Tim Smith	W

	0	M	R	W
Daniel Patching	11	0	45	1
Jamie Allon	7	1	19	0
Andrew Maurice	7	0	30	0
Lochan Blunden	14	4	46	4
Trevor Squire	3	0	15	0
Jago Pearson	74	0	23	3

## Hythe 1st XI

	Runs
Lochan Blunden	b Allon
Christopher Maurice	b Smith
Leon Morgan	not out
James Watson	ct Hobbs b Allon
Daniel Patching	not out
Tim Pichowski	not bat
Sam Butler	not bat
Jago Pearson	not bat
Andrew Maurice	not bat
Jamie Hemphrey	not bat
Trevor Squire	not bat
Extras	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>(3 wickets, 45.2 overs)</b>
Bowlers	
Steven Rowe	0
Tim Smith	M
Gareth Meers	R
Andy Allon	W

	0	M	R	W
Steven Rowe	8	1	22	0
Tim Smith	11	3	43	1
Gareth Meers	5	2	13	0
Andy Allon	112	1	42	2
Tim Bishop	3	0	19	0
George Leadbetter	7	0	27	0

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Folkestone 1st XI v Blackheath 1st XI

ALL-ROUNDER Himanshu Waingankar again performed well but it did little to stop Folkestone losing to Blackheath by four wickets.

Waingankar hit 75 as the hosts batted first, but few of his team-mates could occupy the crease with such authority. Only two other batsmen reached double figures as Folkestone could only manage 149 before Dan Matcham was run out off the final ball of the innings.

Blackheath, who went top of the division courtesy of the victory, were never put under the same pressure. Waingankar took 4 for 43, but the result was sealed in the 39th over.

## Folkestone 1st XI

	Runs
David Miles	ct Shepherd b Brathwaite
Jamie Dawes	ct Shepherd b Brathwaite
Himanshu Waingankar	ct Willets b Woods
Joshua Bryen	b Brathwaite
Stuart Graham	c&b Paul
Daniel Clark	lbw b Woods
Nathan Ingleson	ct Ford b Willets
Andy Bray	lbw b Woods
Michael James	not out
Richard Hall	b Woods
Dan Matcham	run out
Extras	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1b 2lb 4w 1nb) (all out, 50 overs)</b>
Bowlers	
Paul Valkovics	0
Ruel Brathwaite	M
Jahid Ahmed	R
Dipayan Paul	W
Richard Woods	
Chris Willets	

	0	M	R	W
Paul Valkovics	8	2	17	0
Ruel Brathwaite	11	3	31	3
Jahid Ahmed	4	0	20	0
Dipayan Paul	11	3	43	1
Richard Woods	13	3	23	4
Chris Willets	3	0	12	1

	Runs
Zobie Sharif	b Waingankar
Stuart Fern	lbw b Waingankar
Alex Senn	ct b Waingankar
Dipayan Paul	ct Daves b Hall
Jahid Ahmed	not out
Paul Valkovics	b James
Chris Willets	not out
Ruel Brathwaite	not bat
Matt Shepherd	not bat
Richard Hall	not bat
Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1b 3lb 3w 1nb) (6 wickets, 38.3 overs)</b>
Bowlers	
Michael James	0
Andy Bray	M
Himanshu Waingankar	R
Daniel Clark	W

	0	M	R	W
Michael James	9	0	42	1
Andy Bray	6	0	31	0
Himanshu Waingankar	15	2	43	4
Richard Hall	7	1	26	1
Daniel Clark	1.3	0	7	0

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Bexleyheath 1st XI v Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI

A FAILURE with the bat saw Betteshanger Colliery Welfare lose to Bexleyheath by 60 runs, a result which dented the visitors' promotion hopes.

Andrew McNicolas and Jamie Towe struck early in Bexleyheath's innings, but a half-century from Hamish Kumar steadied the hosts. Betteshanger's attack took wickets regularly, but conceded a costly 44 runs in extras, including 19 wides.

Liam Collins' 55 was as good as it got for the reply, where several batsmen were unable to convert decent starts into something more substantial. They were all out in the 43rd over.

## Bexleyheath 1st XI

	Runs
Craig Richley	ct Brown b A McNicolas
Russell Allen	b M McNicolas
Ravi Patel	ct Garton b T Towe
Hamish Kumar	ct A McNicolas b M McNicolas
Pat Heath	c&b b M McNicolas
Michael Lyons	c&b b C Town
Chris Hobbs	b Collins
Tom Beaumont	b M McNicolas
Philip Bone	c&b Fletcher
Grantleigh Burnham	c&b b Collins
Richard Howes	not out
Extras	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>(6b 14lb 19w 5nb) (all out, 43.3 overs)</b>
Bowlers	
Andrew McNicolas	0
Jamie Towe	M
Clive Towe	R
Liam Collins	W

	0	M	R	W
Andrew McNicolas	8	0	37	1
Jamie Towe	9	2	33	1
Steven King	2	0	17	0
Clive Towe	5	2	15	1
Michael McNicolas	14	1	52	4
Darren Fletcher	4	1	18	1
Steven King	b Kumar		4	
Martin Jones	lbw b Kumar		0	
Keith Brown	ct Patel B Bone		4	
Joe Aird	not out		0	
Extras	0		4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>(4b 8lb 4w 3nb) (all out, 42.2 overs)</b>		<b>139</b>	
Bowlers				
Tom Beaumont	0		18	3
Grantleigh Burnham	9	2	46	1
Philip Bone	12	2	36	2
Chris Hobbs	7	0		

# Hayes close to unveiling first signing for Whites

## FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

DOVER Athletic boss Martin Hayes hopes to unveil his first new signing this week ahead of the club's opening pre-season game against Colchester United on Saturday.

The Whites boss has been frantically talking to potential signings during the last two weeks and has been in detailed negotiations with three attacking players and one defender.

With the visit of League One side Colchester United this Saturday marking Dover's start to the pre-season campaign, Hayes is keen to add to his squad ahead of the game with only 11 players so far contracted at the club.

He said: "We've taken some footsteps on the transfer front. Some of the players we are talking to have already agreed to do training at other clubs, but negotiations are ongoing and I would like to have some of them at the club before the first pre-season game against Colchester. We will continue to talk to them in the mean time."

Hayes, who decided to put Sammy Moore's new contract offer on ice, is yet to hear from the midfielder regarding his attendance at pre-season training. The former Ipswich



**WAITING GAME:** Sammy Moore's (left) new contract has been put on hold, while Dover will kick-off the new season on the road against Woking (right, in yellow), a side they lost to in the play-offs last season

midfielder was offered a new one-year contract under former manager Andy Hessenthaler, but failed to sign the deal before the managerial change last month.

Hayes said: "I still don't know whether Sammy Moore will be joining us for pre-season. I've heard two stories, one saying he isn't and one saying he is. The door is open for him to throw his hat into the ring and if he impresses then I will offer him a contract."

Elsewhere at the club, the new Conference South fixtures have been released, which sees



the Whites open the campaign with a trip to last season's play-off opponents Woking on August 14. Dover's first home game is against Staines Town on August 21 ahead of their first Kent derby against Ebbsfleet United on August 24.

The Whites travel to Bromley on Boxing Day before hosting Lewes on December 28. New Year's Day will see Bromley visit Crabble and games against arch rivals Dartford will take place on November 9 and April 25 (Easter Monday).



**NO GO:** Folkestone will not play at home in pre-season



**FRESH START:** Deal can look ahead after boardroom unrest

## Future looks 'rosy' for Deal after dark times

## FOOTBALL

AFTER a season of boardroom power-struggles, Deal Town can finally look forward to matters on the pitch, as manager Derek Hares prepares his side for a new campaign.

Hares took charge of the summer's first pre-season training session last night (Tuesday) and he believes the club's future is bright, both on and off the playing field.

With chairman David Reid heading Deal's committee for next season, Hares is now able to fully focus his attention on bettering last season's ninth-placed finish in the Kent League Premier Division.

He said: "Last year there was turmoil off the field and it affected everybody. It was a difficult year, but hopefully that's behind us – things are looking rosy and it could be a good year for Deal."

"We've got a good squad and I'd like us to be in the top-six. I'm hoping we'll have three or four new faces – you've got to freshen things up. Most of the players are going to stay, although things can happen in the next couple of weeks."

Deal return to action in a pre-season friendly at home to Milton & Fulston United on July 20, before entertaining Whitstable Town a week later.

## KENT SCHOOL GAMES



**WINNERS:** Sir Roger Manwood's dominated the hockey

## Youngsters enjoy success at Kent School Games

YOUNG people from across the area excelled in the finals days at the second Kent School Games, which ended on Sunday.

Last weekend's finals were the pinnacle of the Games, which began with local qualifying rounds last autumn and involved 550 schools across Kent. The scheme, which involved 30,000 schoolchildren in total, is believed to be the biggest of its kind in Europe.

Sir Roger Manwood's School in Sandwich dominated the hockey, with victories in the boys' under-13s and girls' under-15s, while their boys finished runners-up in the under-15s competition to Harvey Grammar.

The Folkestone school also took second and third in the court volleyball, plus a silver in the boys' futsal under-13s.

Archers Court took gold in the futsal boys' under-15s, while Kingsdown Primary won the years 3/4 gymnastics. In one of the demonstration events, cheerleading, Castle Community College were crowned winners, just ahead of Archers Court.

A team representing the Dover area took silver medals in court volleyball, swimming and basketball, all at girls' under-13 level. There were also runners-up places for Dover Grammar's boys' under-13 basketball squad and Castle Community College's boys' under-13s trampolining team.

Pent Valley came second in the disability football league, while the Shepway girls' under-15s finished runners-up in the girls' under-15s swimming.

Chris Hespe, head of the Kent County Council sport, leisure and Olympics team, hailed the Games as a huge success.

He said: "It's been an enormous exercise. We've had 64 finals, with 6,000 young people involved in 38 different sports across 13 different venues."

"The games is now in the psyche of schools and it's an exciting opportunity for these youngsters to learn the values of co-operation, competition, team work and fair play."

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